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- **Complete the Registration Form**
- Make Checks Payable to CGONA
- Drive Carefully and Enjoy the Weekend
- Make Sure All Your Buddies Know

Retiree Retreat 2014

The Oklahoma National Guard and the National Guard Association of Oklahoma (NGAOK) will host its Annual Retiree Retreat at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, the weekend of May 16th - 18th.

WELCOME

We wish to welcome you to the annual Retiree Retreat. The retreat is a time to get together and renew old friendships, swap war stories, get the latest information about what is going on in the Guard, and a time to; once again, enjoy all the comforts of being away from home at beautiful Camp Gruber.

The Adjutant General of Oklahoma, Major General Myles Deering, State Command Sergeant Major Steven Jensen, Command Chief Master Sergeant Dave Teague, and NGAOK President SGT Scott Irwin, wish to extend to each retiree of the Oklahoma National Guard an invitation to attend this year's retiree retreat.

SPOUSES/SPECIAL NEEDS BILLETING

Spouses and those with special needs are always welcome to attend the Retreat; However, Camp Gruber does not offer co-ed housing or single bathroom facilities. You are more than welcome to stay in Muskogee at one of the local hotel/motels. If you need contact information, please let us know.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The golf tournament has been brought back by popular demand. This year, it will be held at Cherokee Hills Golf Course, May 16th at 10:00 am. See the attached flyer for start times and other information.

CAMP GRUBER TOUR

You can tour the Camp Gruber MOUT site and some of our other ranges. We will coordinate the Engagement Skills Trainer to be available for use.

ID CARDS

We will have the ID Card Machine available in bldg **154** on Saturday afternoon for those needing new ID's.

DRESS CODE

The uniform for the weekend's events is very casual. Remember to bring your rain gear just in case. Hopefully, we will have wonderful weather, but we will have a great time regardless.

Registration Information

You can email or fax your request for registration and pay upon arrival, or you can complete all information on the registration form and return it with a Check for \$35.00 per adult (\$10.00 for children under 18) payable to $\underline{\rm CGONA}$. Reservations start 07 April.

SEND TO:

Camp Gruber Training Center ATTN: Jane Bennett

PO Box 29

Braggs, OK 74423 Phone (918) 549-6001

Email: jane.bennett@us.army.mil

Remember that you are welcome to join us Friday evening for early registration and pizza. Camp Gruber looks forward to seeing each of you this year and promises you another year of wonderful memories.

Transportation

If you will require transportation to/from the Will Rogers Air Guard Base, please fill out the appropriate section on the registration form.

WEBSITE

Camp Gruber's Website has been redesigned. You can now check out Camp Gruber's website for the last few years' pictures and all of the information about this year's retreat. That website is: http://www.ok.ngb.army.mil/cgts/

Hotel Info

The Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott-Muskogee has offered a preferred rate for anyone who wishes to stay there on Retirees Retreat weekend, just mention Camp Gruber Retiree Retreat Weekend. They have set aside a block of rooms at \$83.00 per night from 16-18 May. Any unused rooms will be released from the block on 05 May. 918-683-6700 address: 1650 N. 32nd St., Muskogee, 74401

WELCOME ALL:

Army, Air Force, Traditional Soldiers, Enlisted, and Officers

Weekend Schedule of Events

Friday, May 16th

0900 – Registration at Cherokee Springs Golf Course, Tahlequah

1000 Shotgun start - Golf Tournament starts @ Eagle Crest Golf Course

1300 – 1800 Retiree Retreat Early Registration @ Bldg 127

Check-In Quarters @ Bldg 117

1630-1800 Pizza is available @ Bldg 127

Saturday, May 17th

0630-0730 Breakfast @ Bldg 127

0700-0800 Check-In Quarters @ Bldg

Sign-In @ Building 305 (New Multi Purpose Building)

0900-1130 Opening Ceremony @

Bldg 305 Welcome to Camp Gruber Command Comments

1200-1300 Lunch @ Bldg 127

1300-1600 Camp Gruber Activities

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1700- ???? Dinner @ Green Leaf

Lodge

Sunday, May 18th

0700-0900 Breakfast @ Building 127

Checkout @ Building 117

0900-1030 Fallen Comrades

Memorial Service @ The

Chapel

1030-TBD Closing Comments and

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Are you connected?

EMAIL: In 2009 we started to collect email addresses of our retirees. Through email, we are sending out a monthly calendar of events, death announcements, deployment ceremonies, retirements, changes in benefit programs, etc. NO JUNK MAIL. To get your name and email on our mailing list, please contact Mrs. Cindy Bargas, Secretary for the Military Personnel Office at (405) 228-5293 or email her at: cynthia.a.bargas.nfg@mail.mil.

FACEBOOK: The Oklahoma National Guard FaceBook page has over 5,000 fans. Many of our Soldiers, Airmen and retirees are fans and regular contributors to our page. On an average week, some 7,000 people get to view news stories and videos we post about happenings in the Oklahoma Guard. If you're on FaceBook, I would encourage you and your FaceBook friends that are interested in the Guard to "fan" our page.

It's a great way to stay in touch with old friends and find out what's been said about out men and women in uniform.

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